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2008 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MAY 8 – 10, 2008

The Supreme Court of Delaware, the Delaware Law Related Education Center and the Delaware State Bar Association are poised to host the 2008 National High School Mock Trial Championship May 8 – 10, 2008 in Wilmington, Delaware. The opening ceremony will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 700 N. King Street, Wilmington beginning at 6:30 pm on May 8th. The Honorable Carolyn Berger of the Delaware Supreme Court; the Honorable James M. Baker, Mayor of the City of Wilmington; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden III, Attorney General for the State of Delaware; and the Honorable M. Jane Brady of the Superior Court of Delaware will welcome the 43 teams from the United States, Guam, Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, and South Korea to the 25th Annual Championship.

Two rounds of competition will be held on Friday, May 9 at the New Castle County Courthouse, 500 N. King Street, Wilmington beginning at 8:30 a.m. The New Castle County Courthouse will be closed to the public to host this most prestigious event. There will be 2 rounds of competition on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 8:30 am followed by the Final Round at 4:15 pm. Only pre-registered observers can attend the competition. The Charter School of Wilmington will represent Delaware and the State runner-up, Archmere Academy of Claymont will be in attendance.

The Co-Host Directors for this 25th National High School Mock Trial Championship are The Honorable Joseph R. Slights, III of the Superior Court; Francis J. "Pete" Jones, Jr., Esquire of Morris, James LLP; and Franny M. Haney, Manager of Judicial Branch Education in the Administrative Office of the Courts. The 25th anniversary championship will include a pin exchange/opening ceremony on Thursday, May 8th at the Doubletree Hotel; an excursion aboard the MS Twin Capes of the Delaware River and Bay Authority on Friday, May 9th, and will end with the annual awards banquet at the Chase Center on the Riverfront on Saturday, May 10. Presenting the championship awards will be The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware and the Honorable Myron T. Steele, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware. The Justices of the Delaware Supreme Court along with Mayor Baker, New Castle County Executive Chris Coons, and Elizabeth McGeever, President of the Delaware State Bar Association will present additional awards. Attendance over the 2 days of competition will top 1000 visitors to Wilmington and the First State. Next year's 26th National High School Mock Trial Competition will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

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